

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. For use in a paging network, a system for providing ancillary page information, comprising:

an ancillary information collector, associated with a page call-in center of said paging network, that derives party identification information ancillary to a page request received by said page call-in center; and

an ancillary information transmitter, associated with said page call-in center, that automatically transmits at least some of said party identification information to a pager associated with a paged party.

2. The system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said ancillary information collector derives said party identification information from a public telephone network associated with a paging party.

3. The system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said ancillary information collector prompts a paging party for at least some of said party identification information.

4. The system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said ancillary

2 information collector recognizes a voice of a paging party to
3 receive at least some of said party identification information.

5. The system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said party
2 identification information is selected from the group consisting
3 of:

4 caller identification information,
5 name information, and
6 location information.

6. The system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said ancillary
2 information collector derives said party identification information
from a database associated with said page call-in center.

7. The system as recited in Claim 1 wherein said pager is
2 selected from the group consisting of:

3 an alphanumeric pager,
4 a personal digital assistant (PDA), and
5 a cell phone.

8. For use in a paging network, a method of providing
ancillary page information, comprising:

deriving party identification information ancillary to a page
request received by a page call-in center; and

automatically transmitting at least some of said party
identification information to a pager associated with a paged
party.

9. The method as recited in Claim 8 wherein said deriving
comprises deriving said party identification information from a
public telephone network associated with a paging party.

10. The method as recited in Claim 8 wherein said deriving
comprises prompting a paging party for at least some of said party
identification information.

11. The method as recited in Claim 8 wherein said deriving
comprises recognizing a voice of a paging party to receive at least
some of said party identification information.

12. The method as recited in Claim 8 wherein said party

2 identification information is selected from the group consisting
3 of:

4 caller identification information,
5 name information, and
6 location information.

13. The method as recited in Claim 8 wherein said deriving
2 comprises deriving said party identification information from a
3 database associated with said page call-in center.

14. The method as recited in Claim 8 wherein said pager is
selected from the group consisting of:

an alphanumeric pager,
a personal digital assistant (PDA), and
a cell phone.

15. A paging network infrastructure, comprising:

a plurality of pagers having pageable parties associated therewith;

a page call-in center that selectively communicates with ones of said plurality of pagers;

an ancillary information collector, associated with said page call-in center, that derives party identification information ancillary to a page request received by said page call-in center; and

an ancillary information transmitter, associated with said page call-in center, that automatically transmits at least some of said party identification information to one of said plurality of pagers.

16. The paging infrastructure as recited in Claim 15 wherein said ancillary information collector derives said party identification information from a public telephone network associated with a paging party.

17. The paging infrastructure as recited in Claim 15 wherein said ancillary information collector prompts a paging party for at least some of said party identification information.

18. The paging infrastructure as recited in Claim 15 wherein
said ancillary information collector recognizes a voice of a paging
party to receive at least some of said party identification
information.

19. The paging infrastructure as recited in Claim 15 wherein
said party identification information is selected from the group
consisting of:

caller identification information,
name information, and
location information.

20. The paging infrastructure as recited in Claim 15 wherein
said ancillary information collector derives said party
identification information from a database associated with said
page call-in center.

21. The paging infrastructure as recited in Claim 15 wherein
said pager is selected from the group consisting of:

an alphanumeric pager,
a personal digital assistant (PDA), and
a cell phone.